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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E. C., DATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C., SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street, PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSIN, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSSEN & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—Steates, CAMPBELL & CO., Amoy, WILSON, NICOLLS & CO., Foochow, HEDEN & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALKER, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Banks.

Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai, after which date interest on the Bonds so drawn will commence.

The Loan has been authorised by an Imperial Edict, dated 8th of October, 1877, which has been communicated to the British Legation at Pekin, according to a dispatch from the British Consul at Shanghai, dated 20th October, 1877.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the four Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire, to the extent necessary, for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The total Customs' Receipts at the Ports named for the past three years have averaged £2,005,500 per annum, and the total Customs' Revenue for the same period at all the Ports in China has averaged £8,560,000 per annum.

The indebtedness of the Imperial Government only amounts to about £700,000, of which about £250,000 mature next year. The amounts of the outstanding Loans and the proposed Loan are therefore, together, only £2,200,000, or about two-thirds of one year's Customs' Revenue. The payments both of interest and principal on account of outstanding Loans have been duly and punctually met by the Chinese Government.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Chinese authorities of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, and by the European Commissioners at the same Ports, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

The Customs' Revenue available to meet these obligations, and for which they are specially charged, is £3,100,000 per annum.

Certified translations of the official documents authorising the Loan, may be inspected at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

Applications in the annexed form, accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard Street, London.

Applications from China, Japan, and Manilla will be received and forwarded by the Hongkong and Shanghai Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Those from the Straits Settlements and India to be sent to London.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the amount due, on allotment.

Scrip Certificates to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts, and Bonds to Bearer, when ready, will be exchanged for fully paid-up Scrip.

Forms of Application can be obtained of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their offices in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1877.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.....
To the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

I request that you will allot me £..... of Bonds of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus issued by you dated upon which I have paid the Deposit of pounds, being at the rate of 40 per cent., and I engage to accept the said Bonds or any less number you may allot me, and to make the remaining payments thereon in accordance with the Prospectus.

Name at full length.....
Address.....
Occupation.....
Date, 1877.

BANKERS' RECEIPT TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.....

Received this..... day of..... 1877, from..... the sum of..... pounds, being a Deposit made on application for £..... of Bonds of the above Loan.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

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WITH reference to the foregoing Prospectus APPLICATIONS will be RECEIVED by the Undersigned until the 15th of DECEMBER next, on which Date the Allotment will be made, and the final instalment of 40 per cent. will be payable on the 31st December, 1877. Exchange on Applications received in Hongkong will be calculated at the rate of 4 per cent.

The Bonds will be redeemable at par within seven years (1884) by Thirteen half-yearly Drawings of £114,000 each, the balance of the Loan, £114,476.0.10, being paid on the 14th June, 1884.

Drawings will take place in London in December and June in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the succeeding 28th February and 31st August in the course of the Year.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

1877.

THE DEVON MANUFACTURING CO.,

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,

INVITE ATTENTION TO THEIR DISPLAY OF
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

DRESSING CASES.

WORK BOXES.

SCRAP BOOKS.

PRESIDENTIAL INSTANDS.

PIN TOILET SETS.

STATUETTES.

Handsome Bound GIFT BOOKS.

PUZZLES.

THE NEWEST COSAQUE CRACKERS, including.

ORIENTAL COSTUMES.

LE BAL MASQUE.

ELIXIR OF LOVE.

FANCY BOXES OF CHOCOLATE.

CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS.

FRENCH PLUMS.

DRAGEES.

CHRISTMAS BISCUITS.

FIGS direct from SHIRNA.

FRENCH BUTTER.

A FEW CASES OF THE CHOICEST SCOTCH WHISKY EVER IMPORTED.

SACCOONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices.

PURE PORT, LIQUEURS.

CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR

STOVES.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

Superior California LAMBSWOOL

BLANKETS.

FAIRBAK'S SCALES, from 400 lb.

to 2,500 lb.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR-

PETS various patterns.

VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA

DARPPETS and RUGS.

DOOR MATS.

HORSE BLANKETS.

Central and Finne-CARTRIDGE

GASES.

GUN-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.

STATIONERY, of every description.

BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.

SHIRT-MUSIC and SONGS.

FRESH APPLES, and LEMONS.

SMALL BELLIES, in Kits.

MACKEREL TONGUES & SOUNDS.

Family PIG-PORK, and Prime MEAT.

MEAT in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CAVIARE, SARDINES, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.

Prime-American BACON and HAMS.

Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL,

BEYE MEAL, &c., &c.

Compressed CORNED BEEF,

and BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.

CHASE & BLACKWELL'S OILMANS' STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.

CLARET in Cask (BANDOL), Superior Quality.

BACLAIR PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Pints and Quarts.

BASS PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.

CO. & CO., &c., &c.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company

will be CLOSED from the 14th to the

27th Instant, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, December 1, 1877.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-

wide reputation of our Oil, certain

parties have attempted to imitate our pack-

age. Suits at Law have been instituted

against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of

these imitations. Buyers should be careful

to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRIL-

LIAIT" are stencilled on the cases, and the

words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENT"

are stamped on the top of the can.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate

of 4% per cent. per annum, payable half

yearly on the 29th February and 31st Au-

gust at the offices of the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation in Lon-

don, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

PRICE OF ISSUE 98 PER CENT.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION, 31,

Lombard Street, London, as Agents for

the Chinese Government, hereby invite

Subscriptions for £1,604,276.0.10 STERLING.

Bearings Interest from 31st December, 1877,

the first Coupon of £16.8 being

payable on 28th February, 1878, and

For Sale.**COAL.**

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

FOR SALE.

SECTIONS B & C OF INLAND LOT No. 51, Area 9830 Square Feet. With the 7 DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon, Nos. 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, and 47, WYNDHAM STREET. Annual Crown Rent, \$105.

INLAND LOT, No. 90, Measuring to the North 80 ft., Area South 88, { 14,720 East 201, { Square West 107, { Feet. With the 4 DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon. 2 Fronting GOUK STREET. 2 HOLLYWOOD ROAD. Annual Crown Rent, \$174.64.

For particulars, apply to

J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 1, 1877. de8

SHAMEEN CANTON.

THE Desirable PROPERTY known as Lot No. 48, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILK GODOWN.

For particulars, apply to

G. M. SMITH, Canton.

October 15, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Notices to Consignees.**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.****NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY, Agent.

Ex Amazon. S. P. Order, 72 bags Stones, from Madras. Ex Anadyr.

E J D No. 1, 1 case Merchandise, from Amoy. Ex Djemna.

M T No. 786, Mr Mathisen, 1 case Fire Arms, from Marseilles.

W G S No. 1/7 } M G. W. Scott, 7 cases Wine, from Mars- Lapwing. sellies.

M F & Co. (India) Order, 7 cases Stores, mon) No. 1/7 } from London.

Mr J. Ridley, 1 case Effects, from Formosa. London. Hongkong, December 6, 1877.

BRITISH STEAMER BERTHA, LANGLEY, Master, FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 9th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given before To-day, the 3rd instant, at 1 p.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

W. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877. de9

FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE Steamship Gordon Castle having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boat delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-morrow, the 3rd instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1877. de10

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & G. S. N. Co.'s S. S. TEHERAN.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamer KASHGAR from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1877. de10

Intimations.**NOTICE.**

A NY CLAIMS against the British steamer "ZANZIBAR," must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, or they will not be recognized.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1877. de8

DENTAL NOTICE.

D R. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE UNIVERS. Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wieler & Co.

CHILOEUM, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wieler & Co.

COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

KATE CARINIS, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Melchers & Co.

BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bates.—Russell & Co.

CHARTER OAK, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Schewe.—Melchers & Co.

ABERYLL, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

RODERICK HAY, British barque, Captain P. H. Nicolson.—Chinese.

RAJANATANUHAR, British s.s., Capt. Geo. T. Hopkins.—Stanssen & Co.

PARACCA, British barque, Captain C. Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.**NOTICE.**

T HE DEPARTURE of the Company's S. S. "BELGIC," is POSTPONED until MONDAY, the 10th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 7, 1877. de9

ARRIVALS.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

U NTIL Further Notice, the MACAO STEAMER will leave HONGKONG at 1.30 p.m., and Macao at 7.30 p.m.

By Order,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 7, 1877.

SHIPPING.**ARRIVALS.**

Dec. 6, HERMANN, German barque, 458, Wil. Pens, Shanghai Dec. 1, Cotton—MASTER.

Dec. 7, OCEAN, British steamer, 271, JAMES, Penang Nov. 24, and Singapore 30, General.—BUSHILL & Co.

Dec. 7, MIGNON, American 8-m. schooner, 424, L. P. Soule, Haiphong Nov. 18, Rice—CAPTAIN.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 7, PICCIOLA, for Hamburg. 7, MACAO, for Manila. 7, PENG-CHOU-HAI, for a cruise.

CLEARED.

Louisa, for Haiphong. Helicon, for Iloilo. Alceste, for Bangkok. Bertha, for Yokohama. Norma, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.**ARRIVED.**

For Ocean, from Penang, &c., 260 Chi-

nese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque Hermann reports: Cloudy and rainy weather, with strong N.E. winds.

The British steamer Ocean reports: First part moderate monsoon and fine, middle part fresh N.E. winds, hard squalls and heavy sea; later part strong monsoon and fine, till noon of the 6th, when had thick rainy weather. At 8 p.m. slowed down outside Tsaitan Channel, weather being too thick to proceed.

The American 8-m. schooner Mignon reports: Strong N.E. winds with high seas throughout the entire passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.**MAILS will close:**

For SWATOW, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 8th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HAIPHONG, — Per Schooner LOUISA, at 9.30 a.m., 25 To-morrow, the 8th inst.

For YOKOHAMA and HIROGO, — Per SEAHORN, at 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.**MAILS will close:**

For HOIHOW, HAIPHONG & PAK HOI.

Per CONQUEST, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—Per NAMOA, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—Per BELGIC, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 10th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND CALCUTTA.—Per ARGYLL and JAPAN, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet PEIHO will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th December, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Calcutta, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:

Wednesday, 12th December.

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NEW YORK Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 13th December.

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters closes.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, November 28, 1877. de18

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet CITY OF TOKIO will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 19th Inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:

11 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 a.m., Post Office closes.

12 a.m., Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, December 4, 1877. de12

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:

VESSELS TO ARRIVE AT HONGKONG.

When left Name From Remarks

May 10, David, Antwerp

12, Chandos, Cardiff

13, Alstra, Melbourne

18, Martha Jackson, Farnham

of the sovereignty of Macao is going to be rather a nuisance to us, as well as to the Portuguese, as the Chinese officials appear to regard the Holy City in the light of a foreign port, or of a place of the mainland of China, exactly as it suits them. If the Viceroy or the Halkwan has been overstepping his powers in this matter, then Mr Pope Hennessy has a fair opportunity of administering a rap over the knuckles to whomever is at fault, which will earn him the approval and respect of all foreigners in this Colony.

A LETTER from Macao says:—Messrs Barreto and Silva were tried last week at the Criminal Sessions for an assault and battery against the Editor of the *Independent*, (causing him grievous bodily harm, in so much as he was kept in bed for several weeks), and were sentenced to 8 days' imprisonment. During their term of incarceration they were only deprived of their liberty, for in other respects they were as comfortable as if they had been in their own houses. Bedding, chairs, tables and other necessaries were conveyed to the gaol. The prisoners had a large room to themselves with open doors, and with liberty to receive their friends, at any hour of the day or night, the gaoler having received orders not to put any restrictions in their way. In the summing up of the Judge and in His Alakarate sentence, His Lordship said that the Editor richly deserved the flogging, but it is necessary to respect the law, which was violated by Mr Silva and Mr Barreto. The sentence of imprisonment was not a satisfaction to the Editor but to the outraged law. The good people of Macao seem to place much importance on corporal, and little or nothing on moral offences.

According to an Ordinance just passed by the Macao legislature, the opinions of Chinese quack doctors on surgery shall not be taken in evidence in Portuguese courts of law.

The transport *Africa*, with relief for the garrison, is now hourly expected.

Return of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending Dec. 5th, 1877:—

European.	Chinese.
Thursday, Nov. 29th,	33
Friday,	30th
Saturday, Dec. 1st,	60
Sunday,	2nd
Monday,	3rd
Tuesday,	4th
Wednesday,	5th
Total,	301
Grand total,	2,599

By Mr Sharp:—I have not examined the mercurial gauge. I have only applied the steam to it to test it.

By Mr Eererton:—The mercurial gauge can be clogged by dirt getting into the top and preventing the stick from rising freely. It is the most correct gauge for testing purposes, but it requires to be looked after considerably when put to general use. I should not consider it a safe and reliable gauge for vessels going to sea; it would be so for vessels in smooth water. An English thought his boiler were capable of standing a pressure of 30 lbs, and weighted his safety valve accordingly. I should not consider he would be wrong in running with one-half or two-thirds that amount of pressure without disturbing the safety valve.

By Mr Sharp:—I did not find any dirt in the mercurial gauge; it was a little slow at first in rising. I have not removed the stick. When I put on the pressure it went up to the twenty-three pounds, but went up very slowly. To find out if it was defective it would have to be emptied.

By the Court:—I do not think it possible to remove the mercury without losing a little, no matter how little. I never knew of any English built steamer fitted with such gauges.

Mr Francis: They are like beam-engines, a very primitive invention.

Mr David Robb was next called, and his evidence was nearly the same as he gave at the Coroner's enquiry. In cross-examination by Mr Francis, he said there were two actions at work in the wasting of a boiler, viz., chemical and mechanical. Where mechanical action had been at work, chemical action would go on much more rapidly. At the junction of the gasket stays with the ends of the boilers, there would be considerable mechanical action, not so much from the wash of water as the expansion and contraction of the iron. The expansion and contraction would greatly accelerate the chemical action. Galvanic action would also considerably increase the chemical action. The contact of two different qualities of iron would set up galvanic action. This has been largely proved as a matter of fact, the greatest amount of corrosion has taken place in the Yesso's boiler where the gasket stays join the angle irons. The plate might have withstood a pressure of 8 or 10 lbs. without stays on an emergency. I believe that the plate gave way first at the starboard lower corner, where the plate was thinnest. It could not have commenced at the top of the plate, the round the upper curve of the boiler, and I did not see any flaw. I also examined the piece of plate in the Police Compound.

The enquiry was then adjourned till Tuesday at 12 o'clock. Prisoners being admitted to ball as before.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1877.)

Sir,—There is an old saying about living in glass houses and abstaining from throwing stones;—a saying which seems somehow to have been forgotten or overlooked by the Romanian advocate in his recent pamphlet on the Central School. To listen to his plaintive pleadings for the twelve thousand poor uneducated Chinese one would think that popular education was the pet idea of the Roman Church. Has it been so? Let History furnish us with a reply. The idea of popular education is a direct outcome of the Reformation—it is the position of Protestants that every man should be educated as to be able to read, inquire and think for himself. What national education is in the hands of the Roman Catholic, let Ireland, Spain, and Italy testify. Happily we are living in an English Colony. Has the same liberty to reside and labour and proselytize ever been accorded to Protestant ministers in the neighbouring Colony of Macao as is ingenuously accorded here to Romanists? Never. The return for this liberty is the denouncing of English institutions upon specious pleas of poverty and credulity by those whose fellow-religionists in England and Ireland have gladly accepted Government help upon terms which are here styled "useless and offensive." On page 36 the writer says, "As for the educational system, apart from the Central School, the Chinese portion of it is so utterly insignificant as to be a matter of no moment to any one." Now, Sir, the writer, from his position as a Romanian may be excused his ignorance of the state of feeling among those specially interested in the education of over 600 Chinese children in schools not belonging to his denomination—but surely he ought, before setting out to enlighten the community, to have enquired into the facts of the case instead of giving forth his fancies. Let him look to the record of an address on this very subject presented to the late Governor Sir A. Kennedy by those interested, and he will be convinced that he is labouring under a delusion.

The French str. *America* arrived on the 16th from Antwerp (Belgium), with the material for the proposed Lighthouse to be erected off St. Nicolas shoal.

The German schooner *Jepes* arrived from Hongkong on the 18th November.

The British barges *Staghound* and *Horse* arrived from Hongkong on the 30th November.

News from Sooloo says that although the Moros had promised to attack the fortifications they give no vital sign, not having come forward on the day they had fixed for the operation.

Locus continues to do great damage to the grain fields in the different provinces up to a recent date.

DRUNK.

Henry Howes and Robert Hudson, were fined belonging to H. M. S. *Audacious*, were fined 60 cents each for getting drunk. The latter was found with his pockets turned inside out.

Thomas Axe, a marine belonging to H. M. S. *Victor Emmanuel*, was fined 50 cents for a similar offence.

THE STABBING CASE.

Cheung Aka, seaman, and Lo Afa, gardener, were again charged on remand with robbing two boat-women and cutting them with a knife. Mr Russell committed them for trial. The wounded woman is now out of danger.

FORGERY.

Wong Ating, a hawker, was charged with obtaining \$130 from a woman named Leong Aka by false pretences, and forging the stamp of the Leong Ki provision shop, and the name of the master of licensed cargo boat No. 147. The prisoner was committed for trial.

ATTEMPTING TO CONCEAL GANO.

Wong Ayan, the master of cargo boat No. 142, and Ip A-1 and Wong Tai, boatmen, were charged on remand with concealing a quantity of shark-fins beneath the bottom boards of their boat. Mr May committed them for trial, the two women being admitted to bail in \$25 each.

THE "TENSO" CATASTROPHE.

CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST THE ENGINEERS.

Theodore Fernand and William Henry King, chief and third engineer of the S. S. *Yacht*, surrendered to their bail at the Police Court at noon to-day.

The Crown Solicitor appeared for the prosecution, and Messrs Eererton and Francis appeared to watch the case on behalf of the prisoners.

Mr Hallie, of the Novelty Iron Works, was again put in the box. At the request of Mr Francis he produced the steam gauge; the large one was opened and its mechanism exhibited. The mercurolic gauge is the most correct if properly set.

position. Let us hope that the Government will continue "to help those who are honestly striving to educate" not only "themselves" but others also, not forgetting those "who value education and show that they do so by their strenuous efforts to obtain it," even when in making those efforts they run the fearful risk of excommunication.

I remain, Sir, your etc.,

WHY?

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1877.

Sir,—We have heard a great deal lately about want of courtesy in social life. Perhaps the scarcity of the article referred to in official life may be mentioned without impropriety. Here is an instance. At an Inquest held lately, the Jury, after much consideration, submitted a certain special finding to the Government; but as yet no reply or acknowledgment has been deigned.

Yours, &c.

A NON-OFFICIAL

Manila.

(Translated from Manila Papers.)

The Brit. 3-m. schooner *Hopeful*, from Hongkong, put into this port for provisions on the 23rd November. Her destination is said to be Keelung (Formosa).

On the afternoon of the 17th November, a slight shock of earthquake was felt at Laog (Ilocos Norte).

Another shock of the earth of about 30 seconds' duration was felt at Manila on the 29th November. The same phenomenon was experienced at Pampanga and Pangasinan almost at the same moment.

The body of a lady resident, apparently drowned, was found at the piers of Santa Lucia, on the morning of the 29th Nov. It was immediately conveyed to the Hospital San Juan de Dios. The deceased has been suffering from mental disorder for some time back.

The steamer *Victoria* will carry a cargo of 18,000 quintals Government tobacco for Europe at 88 reales silver per quintal (9 reales less than the upset price), amounting to \$2,700 in all.

On Friday, the 20th November, the 303rd anniversary of the glorious victory of 1784 by the Spaniards against the pirate Lima, was celebrated with much elation.

It is said that in the forthcoming races only six foreign horses will be admitted, and in that case a race will be exclusively dedicated for them to run.

Pursuant to an invitation, on the afternoon of the 16th Nov. the Civil Administrator, accompanied by several functionaries and respectable residents of Manila, together with a few members of the firm of Messrs Smith, Bell & Co., proceeded in a small steamer to Mandaluyan to pay a visit of inspection to the extensive building newly erected for the manufacture of sugar at La Punta. On their arrival there they were received by Messrs Tooth and Dean, the respective manager and engineer of the establishment. They then began to inspect the machinery, which was of a system quite novel in the country. The enterprise is a very great one, considering the production of refined sugar it promised to turn out, which was estimated at one hundred and forty tons daily. After informing himself minutely of the working of the establishment, the Administrator and the rest of the party were kindly served with refreshments by the manager, and before leaving they were thanked by the members of the establishment for the kind attention shown them in accepting their invitation.

The French str. *America* arrived on the 16th from Antwerp (Belgium), with the material for the proposed Lighthouse to be erected off St. Nicolas shoal.

The German schooner *Jepes* arrived from Hongkong on the 18th November.

The British barges *Staghound* and *Horse* arrived from Hongkong on the 30th November.

News from Sooloo says that although the Moros had promised to attack the fortifications they give no vital sign, not having come forward on the day they had fixed for the operation.

Locus continues to do great damage to the grain fields in the different provinces up to a recent date.

China.

WENCHOW.

The last excitement has been a direct open attempt at intimidation and coercion of a Chinaman, who had sold some wood to a foreign merchant for shipment in a foreign vessel. *Mirabile dictu!* The informant was the unhappy native himself, who with his wife had belonged to the crew of the ship to which he had sold the wood. First, I must inform you that several of the officials here are really bad, and that the Chinese portion of it is so utterly insignificant as to be a matter of no moment to any one.

Now, Sir, the writer, from his position as a Romanian may be excused his ignorance of the state of feeling among those specially interested in the education of over 600 Chinese children in schools not belonging to his denomination—but surely he ought, before setting out to enlighten the community, to have enquired into the facts of the case instead of giving forth his fancies.

Let him look to the record of an address on this very subject presented to the late Governor Sir A. Kennedy by those interested, and he will be convinced that he is labouring under a delusion.

This address, which embodied the strong conviction of those religionists who had the largest practical experience of the working of the grant-in-aid scheme, furnishes a conclusive refutation of the extraordinary statement that "the grant in aid scheme is branded with secularism, it is sectarian and therefore useless and offensive"—to whom? we ask, save to those who are enemies of all instruction which is not under the control of Ultramontanism and Jesuitry. In the face of such a statement, the Chinese portion of it is so utterly insignificant as to be a matter of no moment to any one.

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TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE OENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 10th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 9th Instant. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A reduction is made on Return Passage Tickets.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 7, 1877. de10

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 18th December, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. PEI-HO, Commandant LEBOURG, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 13th December, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877. de18

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th December, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 18th December. Parcels Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Colonial Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 27, 1877. de19

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, Governor of Hongkong; and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA;

Wyndham Street, formerly Athletic Club,

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China. Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex. S. S. "Tore," Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums. Ruins, Leathern, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, English British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Roskong, August 24, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. V. VERNON SHAW.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.

THE Business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN & HEATON, MR. ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN HEATON having This Day become a PARTNER therein.

CHAS. C. COHEN.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. ja1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr WILLIAM LEGGE as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGGE.

W. KERFOOT HUGHES.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. ja1

NOTICE.
MR. JAMES AYTON MANN is authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration.

GEPP & Co.
Canton, November 1, 1877. ja1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as MERCHANT and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

W. SCHRIEVER.
Haliphong, November 9, 1877. de15

Intimations.

AH YON,
SHIPS' COMPRODOR AND STEVEDORE,
No. 61, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMANS STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
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Hongkong, March 19, 1877. de19

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE MILLS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 5th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.
Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

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Bankruptcy in China.

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ernment of China.

Laws of Salt among the Chinese.

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The Character 父.

Chinese Antiquity.

Shin 爻爻 無往。

A Chinese Primer.

A Rare Manchu Coin.

Were Yao and Shun Historical Person-

ages?

Native Literature on Chinese Poetry.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, October 24, 1877.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

21st and 22nd December, 1877.

AT THE VICTORIA REGATTA,

HONGKONG.

BY THE VICTORIA REGATTA,

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